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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2008 and marked final, a reply to which is due February 17, 2008 under the weekend and holiday rules with a one-month extension of time, a petition for which is filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application with the filing of a request for Continued Examination (RCE) as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this submission.